

Julius Caesar

William Shakespeare



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William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was baptized on April 26, 1564, in Stratford-on-Avon, England, the third child of John Shakespeare, a well-to-do merchant, and Mary Arden, his wife. Young William probably attended the Stratford grammar school, where he learned English, Greek, and a great deal of Latin. Historians aren't sure of the exact date of Shakespeare's birth.

In 1582, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway. By 1583 the couple had a daughter, Susanna, and two years later the twins, Hamnet and Judith. Somewhere between 1585 and 1592 Shakespeare went to London, where he became first an actor and then a playwright. His acting company, *The King's Men*, appeared most often in the *Globe* theater, a part of which Shakespeare himself owned.

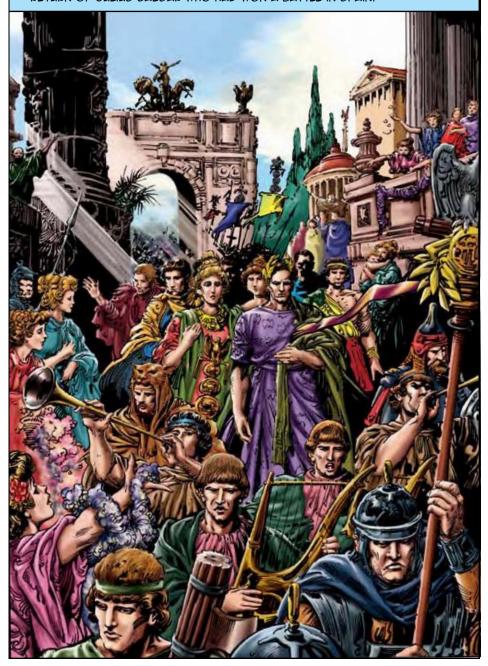
In all, Shakespeare is believed to have written thirty-seven plays, several nondramatic poems, and a number of sonnets. In 1611 when he left the active life of the theater, he returned to Stratford and became a country gentleman, living in the second-largest house in town. For five years he lived a quiet life. Then, on April 23, 1616, William Shakespeare died and was buried in Trinity Church in Stratford. From his own time to the present, Shakespeare is considered one of the greatest writers of the English-speaking world.



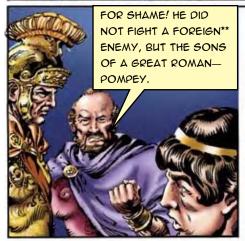


William Shakespeare Julius Caesar MARK ANTONY BRUTUS JULIUS CAESAR CALPURNIA CASSIUS CASCA

IT WAS A HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF ROME. CROWDS OF PEOPLE CHEERED THE RETURN OF JULIUS CAESAR WHO HAD WON A BATTLE IN SPAIN.

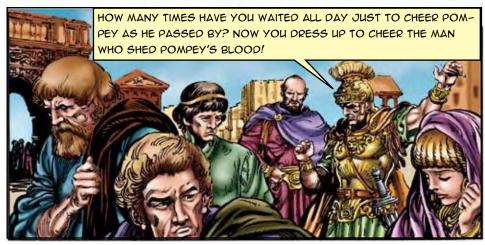






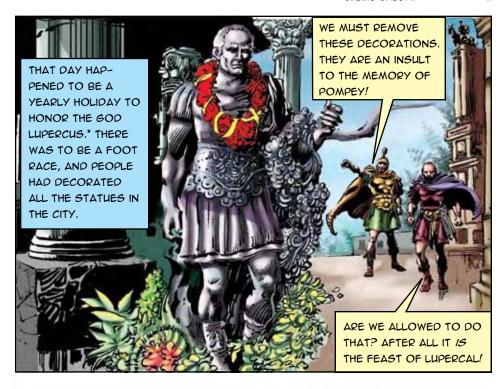


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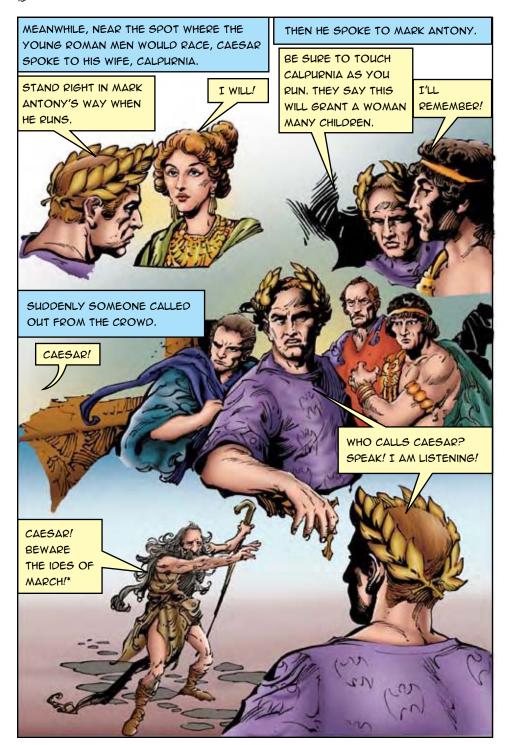
^{*} those whose jobs involve the running of a city, state, or country

^{**} from another country

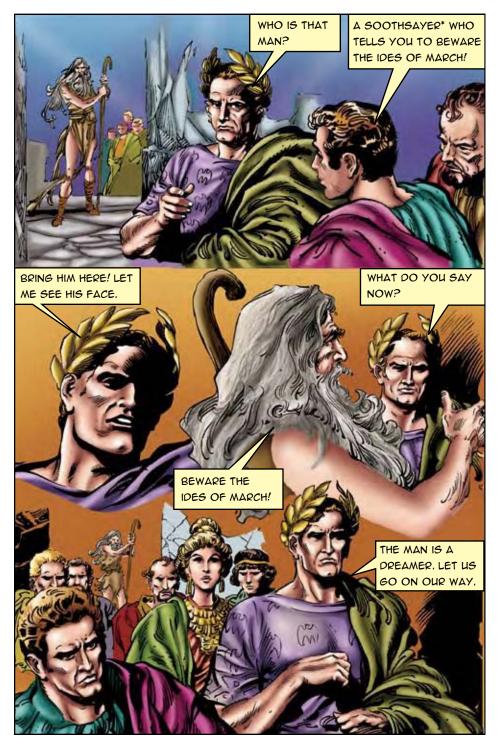




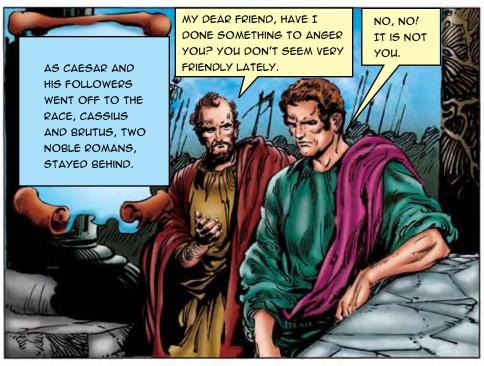
^{*} a god who would bless the fields with good crops

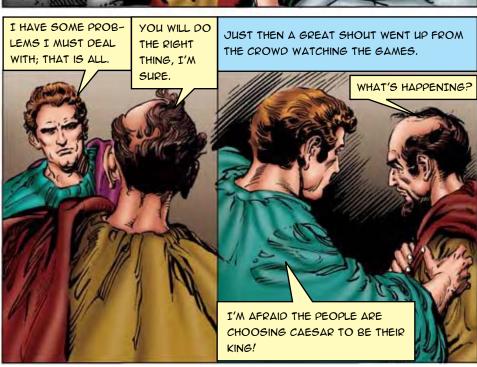


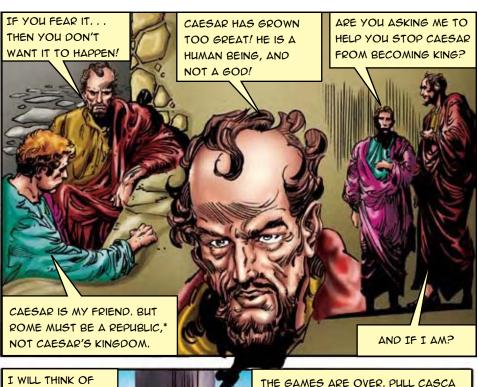
^{*} The Roman month was divided into the kalends, the ides, and the nones; in March the ides fell on the 15th.

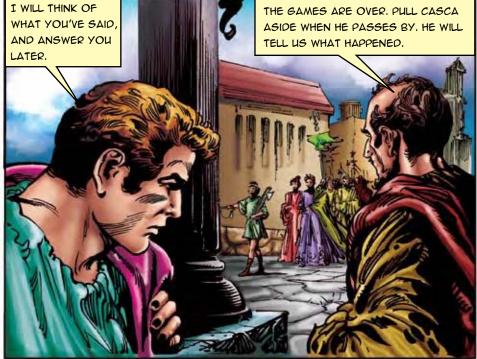


^{*} someone who predicts the future from signs and omens



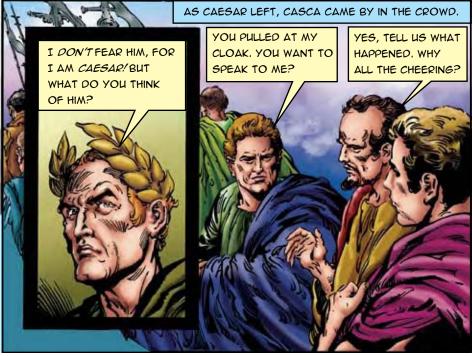


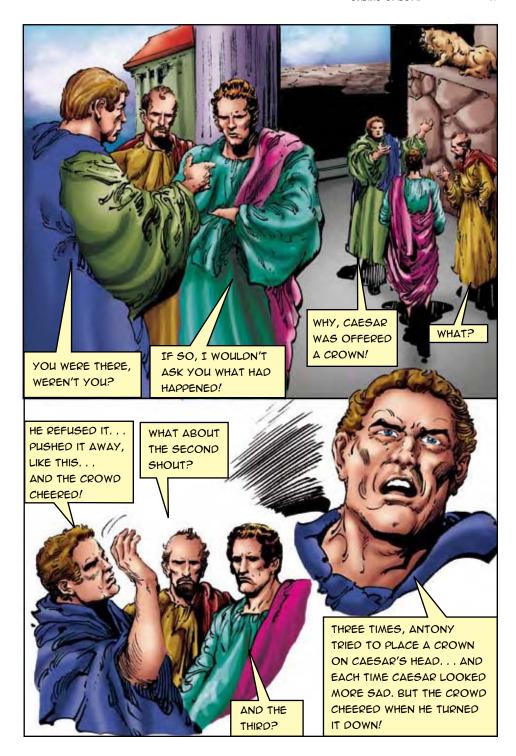




^{*} a government ruled by the people











IF I STILL LIVE... AND YOUR DINNER IS WORTH EATING! FOR NOW, FAREWELL.



SO BRUTUS LEFT, AND CASSIUS STOOP ALONE.

TONIGHT... I WILL SEE THAT LETTERS ARE TOSSED THROUGH BRUTUS' WINDOW.



THEY'LL SEEM TO BE FROM LEADING CITIZENS** HINTING THAT CAESAR WILL MAKE HIMSELF KING. I'LL HAVE BRUTUS ON MY SIDE YET!

- * a leader given full power in times of trouble
- ** members of a city or country who have the right to vote







^{*} knew by seeing or hearing

^{**} rulers who refuse to follow the law and often treat their people harshly



THE ROMAN PEO-PLE ARE WEAKER THAN I THOUGHT IF THEY NEED A KING TO RULE THEM.









^{*} men who are elected to help rule a city or a country

^{**} talk over

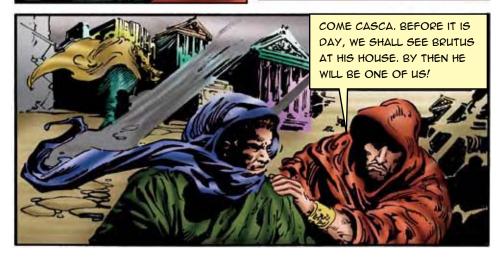


IF YOU COULD
ONLY WIN BRUTUS
TO OUR SIDE! ALL
THE PEOPLE LOVE
HIM AND BELIEVE
IN HIM.

HE THINKS AS WE DO, CINNA. I AM SURE HE WILL JOIN US SOON.

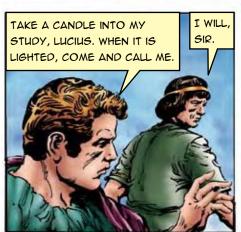


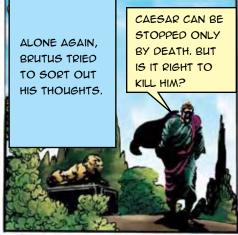




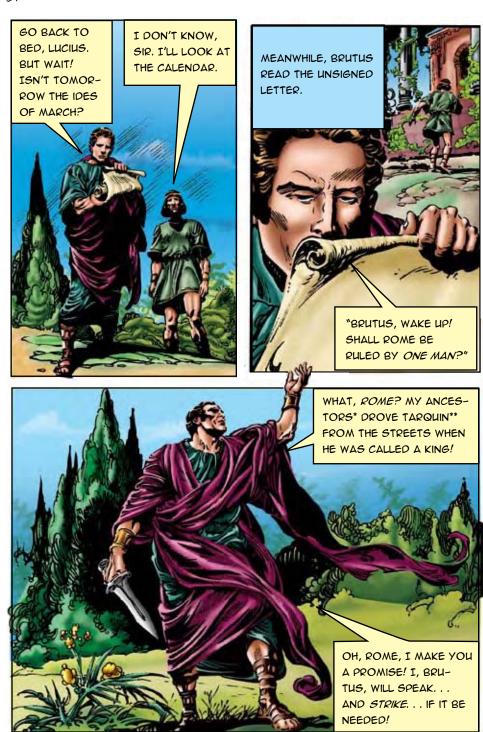
*urge or encourage someone to believe or to do something









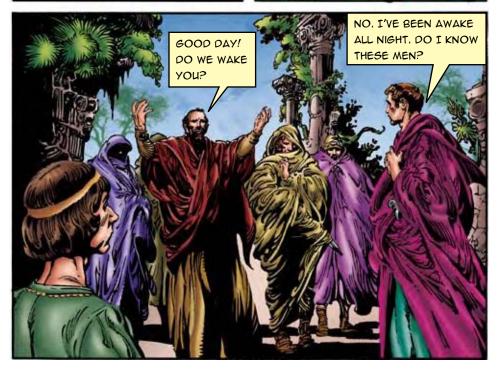


^{*} members of one's family who lived long ago

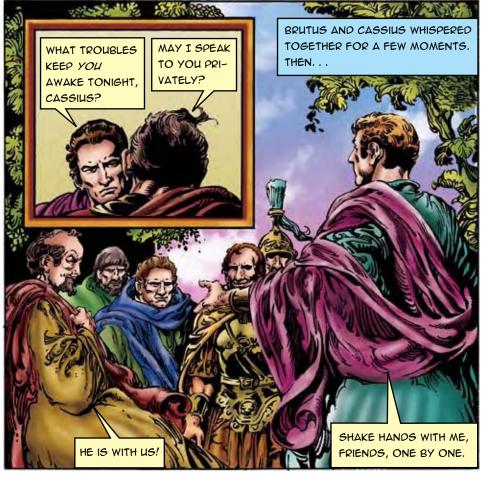
^{**} Tarquinius Superbus, the last king of Rome, who was driven from the city by his people







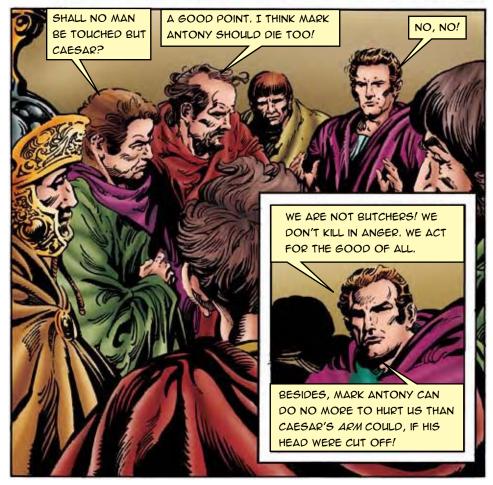




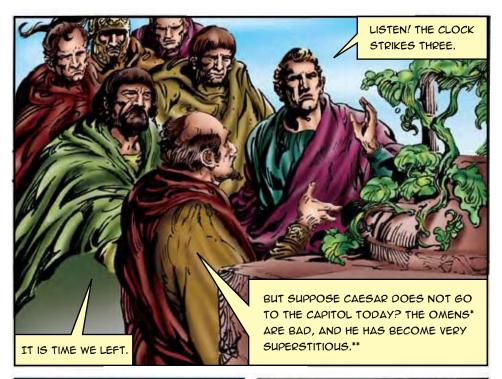


OUR HONEST WORD, HONESTLY GIVEN, IS ENOUGH FOR ANY TRUE ROMAN.





^{*} a very solemn or serious promise







- * mysterious signs that are supposed to warn of future events
- ** believing in all sorts of supernatural signs



ALL NIGHT YOU HAVE WALKED AND SIGHED. EARLIER, WHEN I ASKED WHAT TROUBLED YOU, YOU WERE CROSS WITH ME.



WELL!

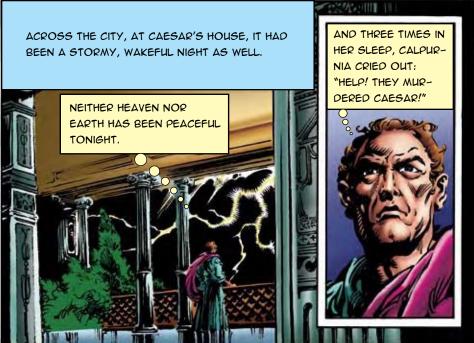






BUT WAIT... SOMEONE'S AT THE GATE! GO INSIDE QUICKLY, AND WE'LL SPEAK LATER.





TROUBLED, CAESAR CALLED A SER-VANT TO HIS SIDE.

GO AND TELL THE PRIESTS TO MAKE SACRIFICES*, AND LET ME KNOW WHAT THEY SAY.





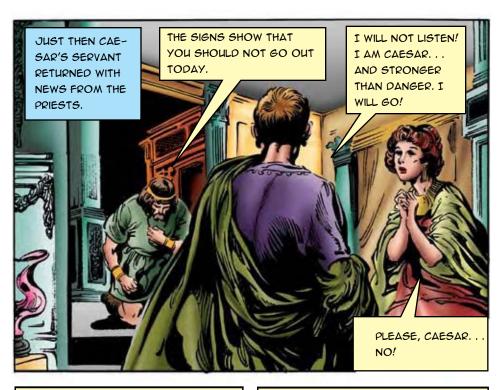
I'VE NEVER BELIEVED IN SIGNS AND OMENS... BUT AWFUL THINGS HAVE BEEN SEEN DURING THE NIGHT.



GHOST-SOL-DIERS FOUGHT IN THE CLOUDS, DEAD MEN LEFT THEIR GRAVES, SPIRITS SCREAMED IN THE STREETS. I'M AFRAID! THESE SIGNS
ARE FOR EVERYONE, NOT
JUST FOR
ME. I AM NOT
AFRAID. DEATH
WILL COME
WHEN IT WILL
COME!



* offerings to the gods



TELL THE SENATORS IT IS MY FEAR THAT KEEPS YOU HERE! SEND MARK ANTONY TO THE CAPITOL. HE WILL SAY YOU ARE NOT WELL TODAY.



ALL RIGHT, CALPURNIA. MARK ANTONY WILL TELL THEM I AM NOT WELL. AT YOUR WISH, I WILL STAY AT HOME.











^{*} someone who plans evil

I SAW CAESAR'S STATUE, LIKE A FOUNTAIN, SPOUTING BLOOD. AND MANY ROMANS CAME SMILING, AND WASHED THEIR HANDS IN IT!



SHE HAS BEGGED ME ON HER KNEES TO STAY AT HOME TODAY.



YOUR STATUE SPOUTING BLOOD
MEANS THAT ROME WILL RECEIVE
STRENGTH AND GREATNESS FROM YOU.
THAT IS WHAT THE OREAM MEANS!



YOU SEE, THE SENATORS PLAN TO GIVE YOU A CROWN TODAY! IF YOU DO NOT COME, THEY MAY CHANGE THEIR MINDS.



SOME WILL LAUGH, AND SAY, "WAIT UNTIL ANOTHER TIME WHEN CAESAR'S WIFE HAS BETTER OREAMS!"



THEY'LL WHISPER, "THE MIGHTY
CAESAR IS
AFRAID."

YOU MAKE
CALPURNIA'S FEAR
SEEM FOOLISH.

I AM ASHAMED THAT I AGREED WITH HER. I WILL GO! BRING ME MY ROBE.



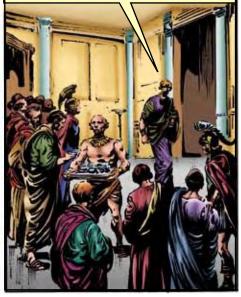




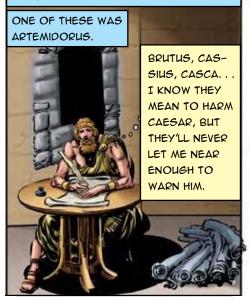
AND HERE'S ANTONY—UP EARLY EVEN AFTER A NIGHT OF MERRY-MAKING!



DEAR FRIENDS, THANK YOU FOR COM-ING! HAVE SOME WINE, AND WE'LL ALL GO TO THE CAPITOL TOGETHER.



AS THE PLOTTERS WAITED TO GO WITH CAESAR TO THE SENATE,* OTHER PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO WARN HIM.

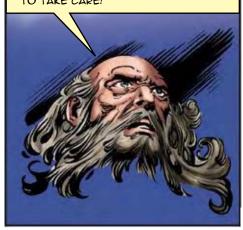


I'LL WRITE A NOTE AND TRY TO GIVE IT TO CAESAR AS HE PASSES. IF HE READS IT, HE MAY YET LIVE!



ANOTHER WAS THE OLD SOOTHSAYER WHO HAD WARNED CAESAR ABOUT THE IDES OF MARCH.

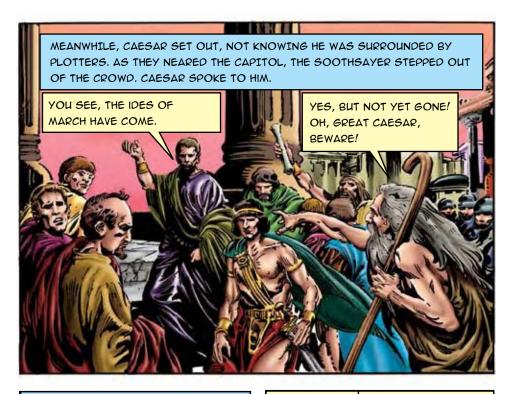
I SEE GREAT HARM COMING TO CAESAR. I MUST WARN HIM AGAIN TO TAKE CARE!

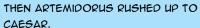


I MUST FIND A PLACE HE WILL PASS ON HIS WAY. I WILL SPEAK TO HIM ONCE MORE!



^{*} the building in which the senators met for government business; the Capitol





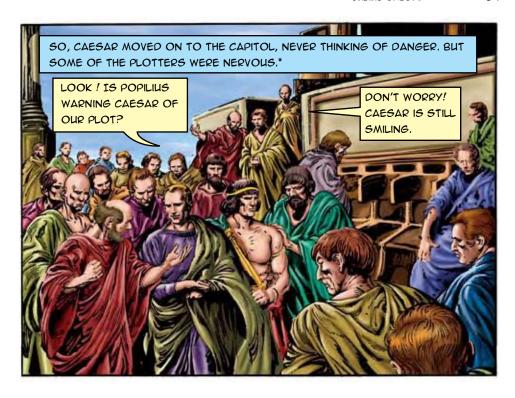
HAIL, CAESAR! PLEASE READ THIS PETITION,* I BEG YOU!

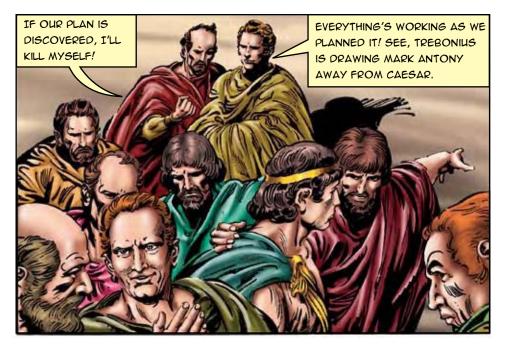


BUT THIS CONCERNS YOU, AND NOW! ALL THE MORE
REASON TO WAIT.
I MUST PUT THE
PEOPLE'S BUSINESS
BEFORE MY OWN.



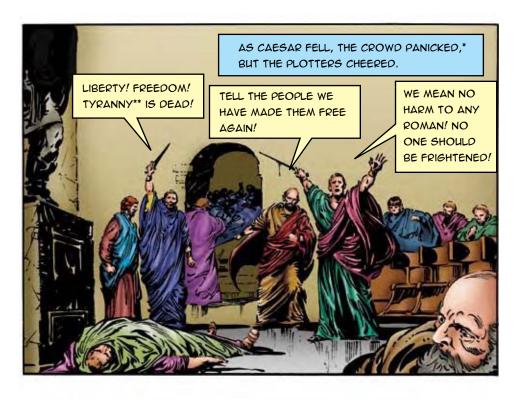
^{*} a paper asking for a favor





^{*} upset, jumpy







CAESAR'S DEATH WAS A SACRIFICE, NOT A MURDER. WE MUST BATHE OUR HANDS AND OUR SWORDS IN HIS BLOOD AND GO THROUGH THE STREETS CRYING, "PEACE, FREEDOM, AND LIBERTY!"



- * became frightened and tried to run away all at once
- ** harsh rule

JUST THEN MARK ANTONY'S SERVANT DREW NEAR.

MY MASTER SENT ME TO KNEEL AT YOUR FEET, BRUTUS, WITH A MESSAGE.



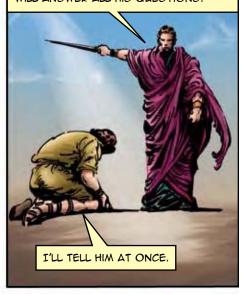
"I HONOR BRUTUS," MY MASTER SAID,
"AS I HONORED CAESAR."



IF YOU WILL MAKE CLEAR TO ANTONY WHY CAESAR DESERVED TO DIE, THEN HE WILL HONOR BRUTUS LIVING MORE THAN CAESAR DEAD. AND HE WILL FOLLOW YOU FAITHFULLY.



ANTONY IS A WISE AND BRAVE ROMAN!
HE MAY SAFELY COME HERE, AND I
WILL ANSWER ALL HIS QUESTIONS.





WE MAY SEEM CRUEL AND BLOODY TO YOU NOW, BUT OUR HEARTS ARE NOT. PITY FOR THE ROMAN PEOPLE MADE US DO WHAT WE DID.

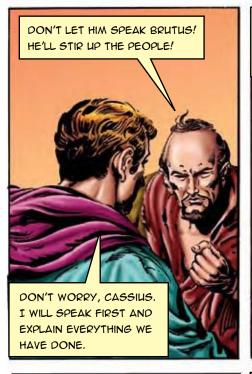


WE WISH YOU WELL. AND WHEN WE HAVE CALMED THE FEARS OF THE PEOPLE, I WILL EXPLAIN WHY I, WHO HONORED CAESAR ALSO, STRUCK HIM DOWN.

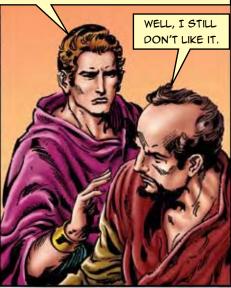




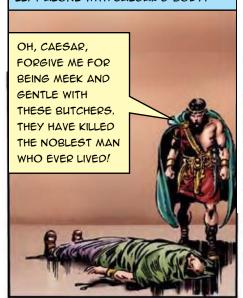
^{*} a religious service for someone who has died



IT WILL DO US MORE GOOD THAN HARM TO SHOW THE PEOPLE THAT WE WANT TO HAVE A PROPER FUNERAL FOR CAESAR.



SO IT WAS ARRANGED. THE PLOTTERS WENT AWAY AND MARK ANTONY WAS LEFT ALONE WITH CAESAR'S BODY.



I SWEAR THAT BEFORE THIS IS OVER, I WILL AVENGE* YOU! BLOOD, SUFFER-ING, AND WAR WILL TEAR ITALY APART!



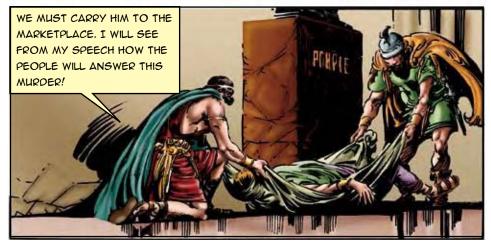
^{*} get even for something, seek revenge



IT IS. BUT BEFORE WE WEEP, WE MUST MAKE PLANS. RETURN TO OCTAVIUS AND TELL HIM WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

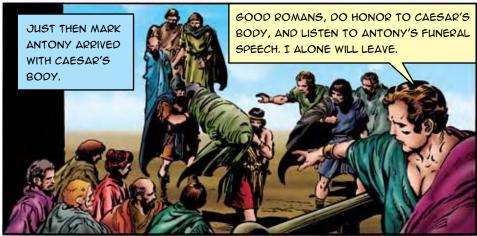




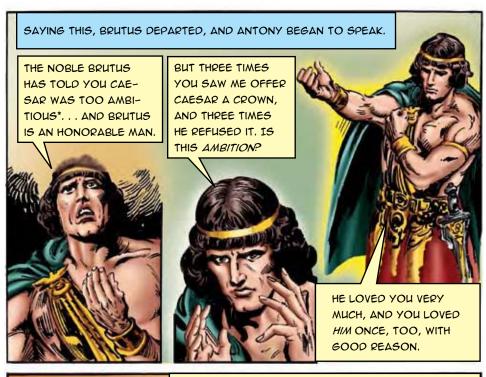


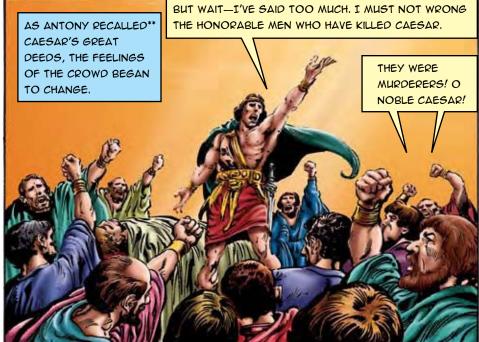
*mourned, felt sorrow at someone's death





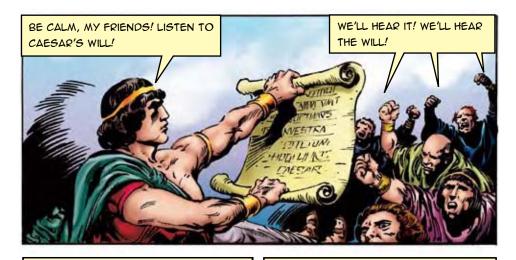
* a central meeting place in the city of Rome

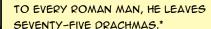




^{*} wanting or trying to get power

^{**} reminded someone of



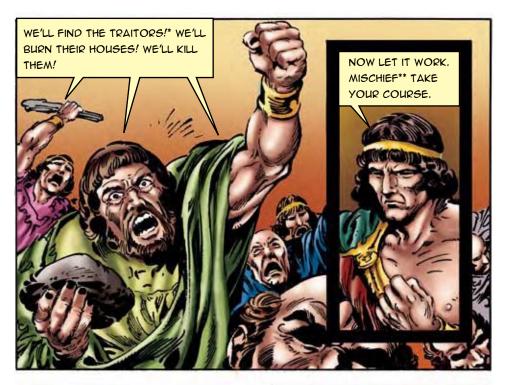


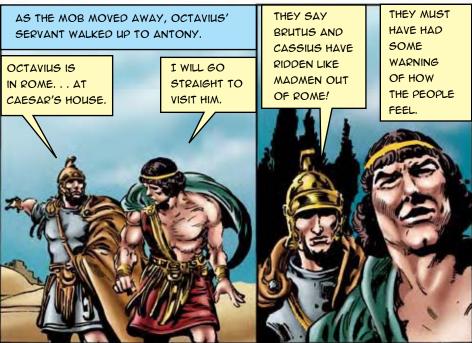


TO YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN HE
LEAVES HIS LANDS, WALKS, AND
GARDENS ON THE RIVER TIBER. WHEN
SHALL COME ANOTHER MAN LIKE THIS?



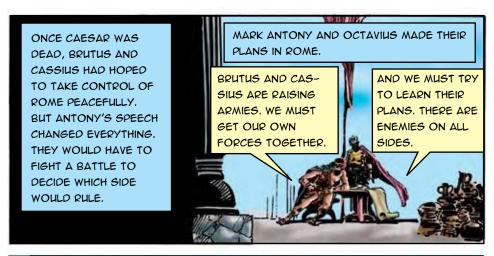


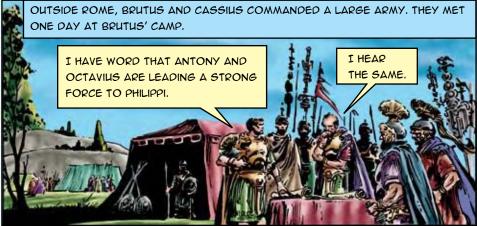




^{*} people who have done evil to their own country

^{**} evil works, violence



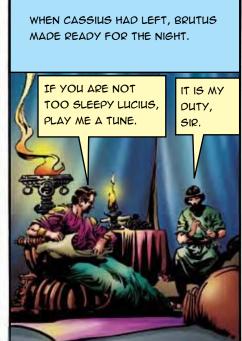




NOT SO, FOR THEY CAN ADD NEW SOLDIERS TO THEIR ARMY AS THEY TRAVEL. THEY WILL BE *STRONGER* IF THEY COME HERE.















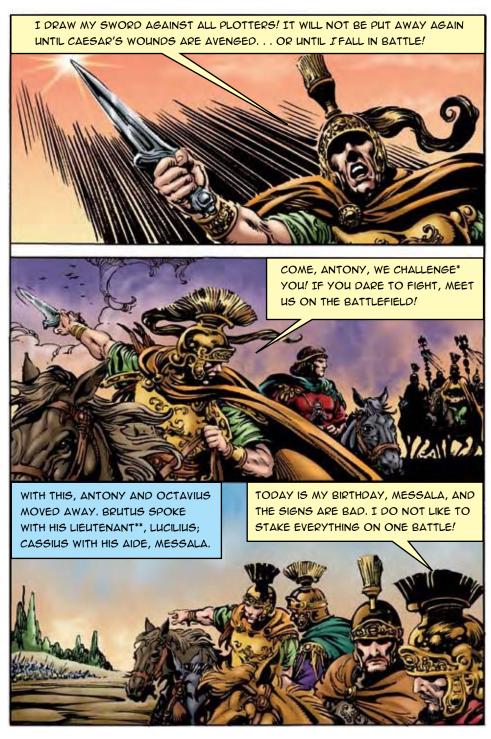


WITH YOUR BAD BLOWS YOU GIVE GOOD WORDS BRUTUS...LIKE THE HOLE YOU MADE IN CAESAR'S HEART WHILE CRYING, "LONG LIVE CAESAR!"



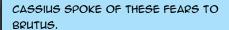
^{*} hits, strikes (in a battle)

^{**} fellow citizens



^{*} dare

^{**} the man next in charge



IF WE LOSE THIS BATTLE, WHAT THEN, BRUTUS? ARE YOU WILLING TO BE LED THROUGH THE STREETS OF ROME A CAPTIVE?*



NO, CASSIUS! BRUTUS
WILL NEVER GO TO
ROME IN CHAINS!

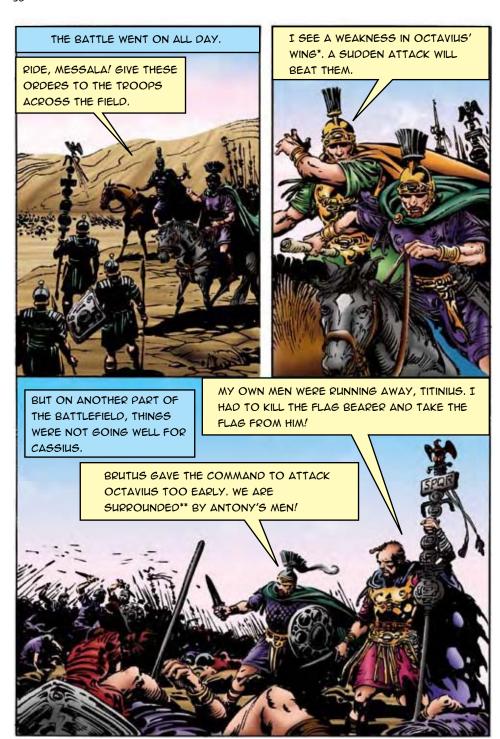
BUT THIS DAY MUST END WHAT THE IDES OF MARCH BEGAN. WHETHER WE SHALL EVER MEET AGAIN, WE DON'T KNOW!



FOREVER AND FOREVER FARE-WELL, CASSILIS! IF WE DO MEET AGAIN, WHY, WE SHALL SMILE! FOREVER AND FOREVER FAREWELL, BRUTUS! IF WE DO NOT, IT IS RIGHT THAT WE SAY OUR GOODBYES NOW!

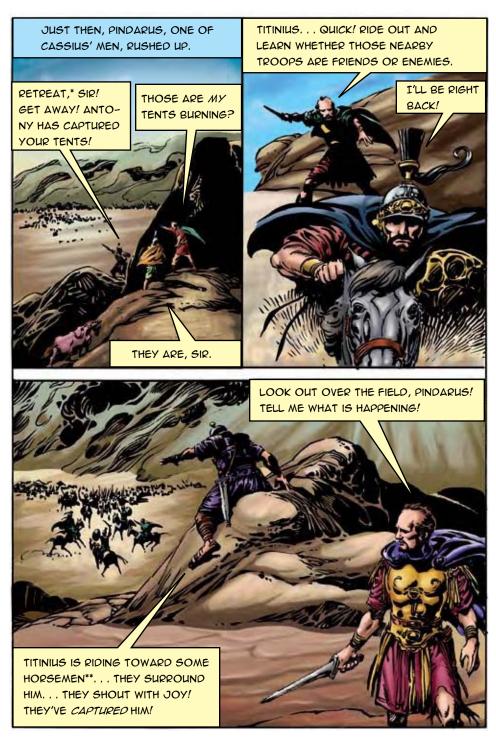


^{*} prisoner, loser of a battle



^{*} a group of men in battle, part of an army

^{**} hemmed in on all sides



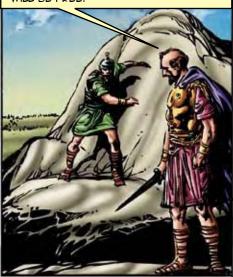
^{*} go back

^{**} in this case, soldiers on horseback

TITINIUS, MY DEAR FRIEND. . . I SENT HIM TO BE CAPTURED!



COME DOWN, PINDARUS. WHEN I SPARED YOUR LIFE* IN BATTLE, YOU SWORE TO DO WHATEVER I TOLD YOU. NOW DO WHAT I SAY, AND YOU WILL BE FREE.



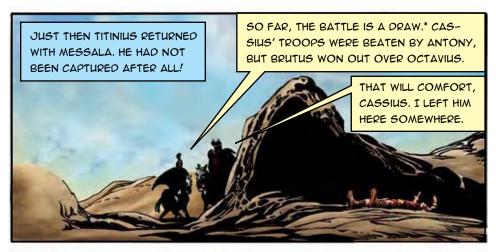
TAKE THIS SWORD, THE SAME ONE THAT KILLED CAESAR. WHEN MY FACE IS COVERED, THRUST** IT DEEP INTO MY CHEST.

I WILL DO IT, BUT
I WOULD RATHER
NOT BE FREE IN
SUCH A WAY!

SADLY, PINDARUS DID AS HE WAS ORDERED.

CAESAR, YOU ARE AVENGED!

- * did not kill someone, kept someone from being killed
- ** push, strike







OH, CASSIUS! YOU SENT ME OUT... I MET OUR FRIENDS. DIDN'T YOU HEAR THEIR SHOUTS? NO, YOU MISUNDER-STOOD EVERYTHING... YOU THOUGHT THEY WERE ENEMIES WHO CAPTURED ME!



- * even on both sides
- ** did not understand, made a mistake

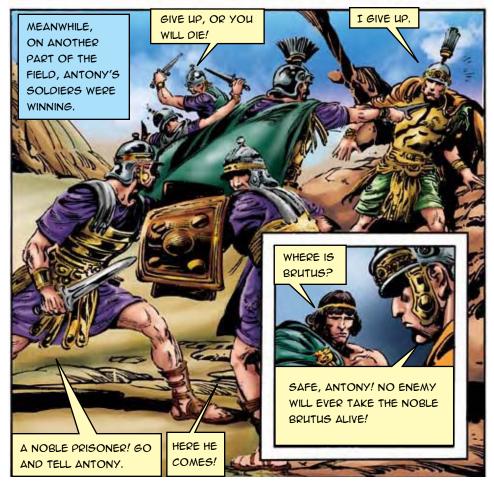




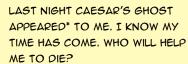
FRIENDS, I OWE MORE TEARS TO THIS DEAD MAN THAN YOU SHALL SEE ME PAY.

















*as used here, came back from the dead as a spirit and revealed who he was









^{*} best, most honest, most sincere

^{**} were jealous of

Julius Caesar

A triumphant Caesar enters Rome after defeating the sons of his old enemy, Pompey. Jealousy and fear over Caesar's reforms reveal a brewing conspiracy to assassinate him. As the plot thickens, Caesar's wife is plagued by terrible nightmares and begs him not to go to the Capitol. But Caesar shrugs off her fears and is accompanied to the Senate by the conspirators thus sealing his fate. Caesar's loyal friends rally to avenge his death and preserve his legacy.

